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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
3. Claim 28 recites the limitation "said first MAC address/second MAC address" in lines 2-
4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Claims 22 and 23 do not disclose MAC addresses. The examiner assumes that claim 28 is dependent on claim 27.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-5, 8-12, 15-19, and 22-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoneda et al. (2007/0076703) in view of Bou-Diab et al. (2006/0187950).
6. Yoneda teaches a method and system (abstract) of providing distribution for receivers of different IGMP types (Paras. 1-30 and 86-134), wherein one type is an include IGMPv3 single-source request (SSM), and the other is an exclude IGMPv2 any-source request (ASM) (Paras. 31-32). In particular, join requests are sent to an intermediate node (Paras. 33-38) and grouped together (Paras. 39-81) so that different source addresses are used for each type (Paras. 82-85).

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7. Yoneda do not expressly disclose that the gateway is an L2 switch. Bou-Diab teaches a method and system (abstract) of converging broadcast technologies (Paras. 1-39 and 71), wherein IGMP (Para. 61) messages are grouped (Paras. 40-48) by a layer-2 switch (Paras. 49-51). At the time the invention was made, one of ordinary skill in the art would have added Bou-Diab to Yoneda in order to lower processing requirements (Para. 24).

8. Claims 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoneda and Bou-Diab as applied to claims 1, 8, 15, 22, and 23 above, and further in view of Gainer et al. (2007/0121628).

9. Yoneda and Bou-Diab do not expressly disclose creating identities based on MAC addresses and sending requests based on MAC addresses, although Yoneda does disclose sending requests based on identity of the network (see above). Gainer teaches a method and system (abstract) of mapping SSM identifiers (Paras. 1-21, 80, and 81) that disclose this limitation (Paras. 38-76). At the time the invention was made, one of ordinary skill in the art would have added Gainer in order to limit implementation costs (Para. 5).

Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. They regard further teachings on IGMP message grouping and address translation.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melvin H. Pollack whose telephone number is (571) 272-3887. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30 M-F.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Cardone can be reached on (571) 272-3933. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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